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try to find a mechanism. On the fifty-eighth day is not the day to start messing with liens and other collection procedures. don't think that's wise to do. I think that's better thought out over a period of time. But we need to put something in place, until we get that done, to discourage and try to guarantee good payment of funds for people's child support. that's what the two portions of the amendment are. I think it's a reasoned approach and certainly one that we want to encourage or discourage the issuing of insufficient funds. The reason we don't use the word bad check is that sometimes the insufficient funds come from other means, other than a paper check. They can be credit cards that aren't any good. They can be drafts and so on that get cancelled. And so we use the word insufficient funds. Mr. President, I'd be happy to answer any questions and appreciate Senator Jensen's patience with this issue and hope that you would vote for this. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. You've heard the opening on AM3730 to LB 1062. Open for discussion. Senator Baker, followed by Senator Schimek. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. am one of the two legislative representatives on the Child Support guidelines (sic--Advisory) Commission. Senator Brashear is the other one. I don't think he's here right now. So we had discussed this and see no problem. In fact, there are benefits It's a mix of two to combining these two commissions. legislators, judges, and it basically...the new combined commission will be more similar to the Child Support quidelines (sic--Advisory) Commission than the old state disbursement unit advisory board, whatever it was. It will work. little bit of additional work to do as a Child Support Commission or guidelines commission. We're expecting some additional information from a consultant on the actual support tables. We can wrap that work up shortly. Don't see a problem with combining these two commissions and, as I said, it will actually make us more efficient and I, I think as we go down the road, we need to work together directly rather than each going our separate paths. And certainly have no problem with the insufficient funds part of this amendment either. So I urge people to support it. I think it will make us more responsive